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NEWS CONFERENCE BY SAN DIEGO CITY ATTORNEY CASEY GWINN STATEMENT - MEETS WITH MAYOR DICK MURPHY

This morning I have advised Mayor Dick Murphy regarding issues which may need to be addressed related to the ongoing business of the City during this federal investigation. I will also be meeting today with City Manager Michael Uberuaga. I am not at liberty to discuss that confidential legal advice. But rest assured, that we are going to be comprehensively evaluating any possible impacts of this investigation regarding the on-going responsibilities of the Mayor and the City Council.

I have identified a team of people who will be working on aspects of the City's due diligence related to the current federal investigation. While I cannot disclose the focus of our internal review processes, we are going to carefully evaluate any and all related matters handled by the City over the last three years.

I have been in communication with U.S. Attorney Carol Lam and with the Assistant U.S. Attorney who is supervising the investigation. I have pledged our full assistance, support, and cooperation. I am referring all questions regarding the investigation itself to the U.S. Attorney.

There are so many dedicated public servants working for the City of San Diego and without question this investigation creates a public perception cloud over the entire City government. But I want to urge everyone to be cautious and reserved in drawing any conclusions at this point. Reputations can be destroyed in an investigation such as this even though individual Council members or city staff members may never face actual charges of wrongdoing.

I advised my staff this morning of our primary challenge at this time in the San Diego City Attorney's Office: to continue to do our job with professionalism, excellence, and integrity.

I want to urge all city employees to cooperate in the investigation if asked to do so. I want to challenge each employee to focus on their day to day job responsibilities and continue to do them with professionalism, excellence, and integrity. Whatever the rumor mill, whatever the buzz, whatever the allegations, we must not



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allow this investigation to distract us from the loyalties we have to the people of San Diego in providing city services. We need to be responsive to their issues and concerns. The business of the City must go on. We now need to let the United States Attorney and the FBI conduct their investigation. We need to await the outcome of that investigation before drawing any conclusions about the involvement of any member of the San Diego City Council or any other member of City staff.

While I am not able to answer any questions related to the investigation, I will try to be responsive to any questions regarding the day to day business of the City in the coming weeks and months.

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